

LOST-FOUND

Truth Stronger Than Fiction

LOST—UNION DEPOT GOLD WATCH chain and charm, initial J. C. L., on back cap engraved from mother; reward. 3000 Cherry St.

"And thereby hangs a tale." The foregoing adv. appeared in the columns of the Kansas City Daily Times Tuesday. The watch was found in the possession of W. S. McClintic, president of the board of Managers of the Confederate Home, and resident of Marion county. How it came into his hands is a marvel in the catalogue of accidents. Told by the average grade of citizen it would be regarded as doubtful if not remarkably thin. There was a jam in the Kansas City Union Depot as Senator McClintic crowded his way through Monday evening and on reaching an opening he found dangling to his overcoat button a gold watch and chain. The chain being a double one had caught on the button and dragged the watch out of the owner's pocket, breaking the bar off that passes through the button hole. He wired the number indicated in the adv. that he would be in Kansas City Tuesday evening and meet the party at the Information Bureau, and the owner is now in possession of his property. Had a detective or other officer found Mr. McClintic in possession of the watch, and he had made the explanation in police court, it would have provoked a smile to say the least. But a good record and name places him above criticism. However he may expect to be guyed and joked on his watch tale, and about the overcoat buttons that catch hold.—Higginsville Jeffersonian.

STARTS OFF WELL.

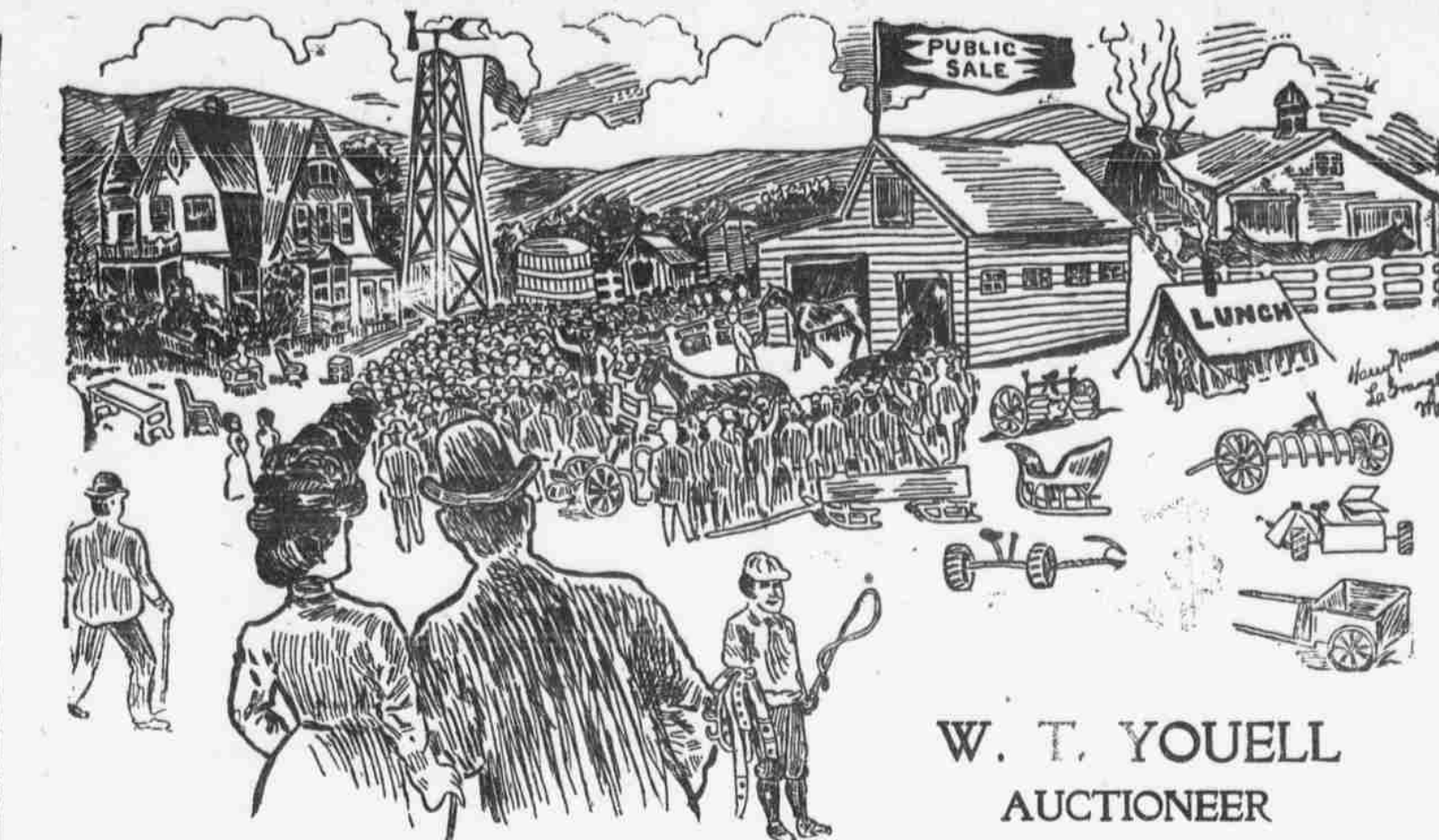
The preliminary work of the present session of the state assembly promises well. It is clearly manifest that the Democratic majority appreciate the responsibility attaching to their respective positions and that this is to be a business session from start to finish.

Possibly never before in the history of the state did the law-making body come more direct from the people and more definitely realize that they are the representatives of the people who sent them. The work of the session will be commenced, continued and ended under the pressure and influence of "the folks at home." Every member has a very pronounced realization that his respective constituents are the power behind the throne and that to them must an account be given of their official act at the state capital.

The caucus resolution limiting the clerical force to a certain number and within clearly defined limits has the ring of economy about it, as well as of business methods. The session is to be one of supreme importance to the state and it is well that the Democrats are in the majority in both branches of the assembly. Faithful and intelligent work will characterize their labors.—Springfield Leader.

The weather was extremely mild for January, Monday. Many outside doors were left open and fires neglected. Considerable thunder and lightning. Several ladies were picking bouquets of ferns and sweet violets in the open lawns.

Business is rather quiet.—



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In Days of Large Families.

In Conway churchyard (Eng.) there was to be seen—it can scarcely be there to-day—a tombstone bearing the following epitaph: "Here lyeth the body of Nicholas Hocker, of Conway, gentleman, who was the forty-first child of his father, William Hocker, by Alice his wife, and the father of twenty-seven children. 1637."

Roman and Arabic Numerals.

It takes three and one-half times as long to write the Roman numerals, from 1 to 100, as the Arabic, and the chance of error is twenty-one times as great; it takes three times as long to read the Roman numerals from 1 to 100 as the Arabic, and the chance of error is eight times as great.

Big Consumption of Wheat.

Our home consumption of wheat for food is about five and a quarter bushels a year for each of our eighty-one million inhabitants. This per capita consumption appears to be interesting. The high prices of meats are probably increasing the demand for bread.

Robs His Employer.

Paul Reimers, a German decorator, was so fond of reading his Bible in working hours that the foreman took it away from him, and found, between the leaves, a large amount of gold leaf. Reimers had been stealing regularly.

Red Cross Society.

The Red Cross society has its foundation in the Geneva treaty, 1864, and is for the relief of the suffering by war, pestilence, famine, flood, fires and all other calamities of sufficient magnitude to be deemed national in extent.

Satisfy Curiosity.

It has been found that Chinatown guides in San Francisco get up opium and other dens of vice of their own in Chinatown and employ Chinese to occupy them, to be show places for tourists.

Why Czarewitch Is Alexis.

It has been a tradition since the time of Nicholas I to name the czarewitches alternately Alexander and Nicholas. But the murder of Alexander II caused his name to be considered unlucky, so there will be no more Alexanders on the Russian throne, as there will be no more Pauls or Peters. The czarewitch was therefore named Alexis, after the father of Peter the Great.

Copper Coins for Africa.

Till now the "tickey"—a silver coin worth 6 cents—has been the coin of the lowest denomination used in South Africa. But, at the request of the Johannesburg Chamber of Trade, 2-cent (3-cent copper coins) are about to be introduced.

Russian State Scepter.

The Russian state scepter is of solid gold, three feet long, and contains among its ornaments 260 rubies and fifteen emeralds.

Perhaps.

A Syracuse woman who had been writing verses feared she was going insane and took poison. Is writing verses a sure sign?—Buffalo Express.

F. C. Clark, of the Myer Clark Grocery Co. of Hannibal, was here yesterday on his first trip to this city.

It's an "off day" when the newspapers of the country do not chronicle a disastrous railroad collision or wreck, in which from six to thirty human lives are sacrificed. Then we are regaled with the highly intelligent explanation that a telegraph operator is to blame; that he has been arrested and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Closer investigation discloses the fact that the telegraph operator is a mere boy, and perhaps has been on duty for from twelve to twenty hours at a salary of about \$50 per month. The responsibility doesn't rest with nor should the blame be attached to an underpaid and over-worked employee. The law—if the law is to be invoked and can furnish consolation to weeping widows and wailing orphans—should look for redress to those corporations who refuse to appropriate money enough from their well-filled coffers to employ competent help, or enough help to prevent incompetent employees from working overtime.—Woman's National Daily.

Bridal Superstitions.

Married in January's hoar and fine good things will come if you wait your time.

Married in February's sleety weather, life you'll tread in tune together.

Married when March winds whine and roar, your home will lie on a foreign shore.

Married 'neath April's change-fol skies, a checkered path before you lies.

Married when bees o'er May blossoms flit, strangers around your board will sit.

Married in the month of roses—June—life will be one long honeymoon.

Married in July, with flowers ablaze bitter-sweet memories in after days.

Married in August's heat and drowse, lover and friend in your chosen spouse.

Married in golden September's glow smooth and serene your life will go.

Married when leaves in October thin, toil and hardship for you begin.

Married in veils of November

mist, fortune your wedding ring has kissed

Married in days December cheer, love's star shines brighter from year to year.—Ex.

About Buttermilk

Persons afflicted with the system, especially those with an alkaline stomach, can be benefited by drinking good pure buttermilk. As a beverage it is highly recommended. Often when fruit acids are strong for a person, buttermilk will do a good deal of good. —Woman's National Daily.

When Sewing Sheer Goods

In sewing sheer materials very often the machine will draw the goods, making very unsightly seams. To prevent this place a narrow strip of paper under the goods and sew in the usual manner; the paper is cut out from the stitches and the seams will not be puckered.—Woman's National Daily.

Mrs. Mary Cusack returned yesterday from an extended visit with her son, John, of Boulder Colo.

Mrs. Stella Woodson went to Goss, Friday to assist Yowell Bros invoice their stock.

Dr. Davis, of Hannibal, and his daughter, Mrs. A. Lee of Lamar, Colo., were with Monroe friends Friday.

Miss Leona Settle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Settle.

Railroad wrecks are getting so numerous that your life is more safe at home.

Mrs. D. J. Ebey spent Tuesday in Hannibal.

Goldfish Destroy Mosquitoes.

People living in the island of Cyprus have discovered that the water tanks in private houses are favorite breeding places for mosquitoes, and they have learned as well that goldfish are effective destroyers of the mosquito larva. As few as five or six goldfish are sufficient to keep an ordinary house tank free.

Bid for Sympathy.

The editor of this paper went to Roanoke yesterday, and one of our compositors is ill; and even the office "devil" is down in Roanoke betting on the races, so being short of help, the force is obliged to go to press a little short of news, but watch for tomorrow's paper.—Martinsville (Va.) News.

Electrical Sights on Warships.

For "training" or sighting heavy naval guns at night, very minute electrical sights are fitted, and are said to be very effective.

Origin of Ancient Saying.

It was formerly a trick among country folk to substitute a cat for a sucking pig, and bring it in a bag to market. If any greenhorn chose to buy a "pig in a poke" without examination, all very well; but if he opened the sack, "he let the cat out of the bag," and the trick was disclosed.

Cat and Dog Names.

A volume might be written to tell the story of the world-wide names given to the cat and dog, as when they say "the miew-miew," the "bow-wow." The word "puss," which is from the Hebrew, describes the spittings of the cat; "kitt," a variation of the word cat, and "Hist!" or "Scat!" mean the same.

Between Wind and Water.

Not only will all the inhabitants of Chicago be crazy in 750 years, but in somewhat more than 3,000 years, according to a geological expert, the site of the present western metropolis will be covered with water. Let the Windy City begin now to prepare for its watery end.—Boston Transcript.

Wipes Out Ancient Volcano.

The action of the weather has entirely washed away the ash-built slopes of an ancient volcano in Wyoming, leaving only the core showing basalt in columnar forms.

Yield of Sewage Farm.

In an English city there is a sewage farm (sewage tank system) which produces thousands of tons of grass and vegetables an acre.

Use Rats for Food.

With reference to methods of getting rid of rats, the London Globe remarks: "It is hardly likely that the dish will ever become a popular one, but it is an undoubted fact that in Staffordshire rat pie and rat stew are largely devoured."

Value of American Fisheries.

The annual catch of fish in American waters is 1,696,000,000 pounds, which represents a money value of \$46,080,000.

Underpaid English Statesman.

It is estimated that there are fully 1,000 persons in England drawing larger salaries than the prime minister.

By Trial to Triumph.

No man reaches the stage of triumph but by the steps of trial.

Keep Your Mouth Shut.

People who sleep with their mouths shut live longest.

There is several hundred dollars due the DEMOCRAT on subscription. Permit us to say to you that we need the money at once. We have obligations to meet and must insist upon those who owe us paying up. Don't wait for a personal dun, but send the money at once.

Revolutions of Liner's Screws.

The screw of an Atlantic liner revolves something like 630,000 times between Liverpool and New York.